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MUNICH FOR RADIO FREE EUROPE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PROP, PO

SUBJ: PUBLIC COMMENT ON RADIO FREE EUROPE REBROADCAST FACILITY

REF: LISBON 1580 (NOTAL)

1. RADIO FREE EUROPE'S RETRANSMISSION FACILITY IN  
PORTUGAL (RARET) HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF MINOR NEWSPAPER COMMENT  
ON TWO OCCASIONS WITHIN PAST SEVERAL WEEKS.

2. NEWSPAPER O SEculo CARRIED ERRONEUOUS REPORT LATE MARCH  
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THAT RARET REDUCING WORK FORCE WITH IMPLICATION THAT REDUCTION

RELATED TO ECONOMIC SABOTAGE. BASIS FOR REPORT WAS PRIVATE DONATION WHICH RARET EMPLOYEES MADE TO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF. MUNICIPALITY USED FUNDS FOR CIVIC WORK PROJECT WHICH TERMINATED WHEN FUNDS EXPENDED. O SECULO HAS AGREED TO PRINT EXPLANATORY LETTER FROM MUNICIPALITY SETTING RECORD STRAIGHT. AFM MEMBER OF RARET BOARD, CAPT. JOAO TOMAZ ROSA, HAS PLAYED HELPFUL ROLE IN THIS MATTER.

3. EMPLOYEES' UNION OF BANK OF ANGOLA PUBLISHED STATEMENT MARCH 19 QUESTIONING PRESENCE IN PORTUGAL OF RARET WHICH "24 HOURS A DAY PROVOKES AND ATTACKS PEACEFUL PEOPLES WITH WHOM PORTUGAL HAS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED FRIENDLY RELATIONS." STATEMENT NOTED THAT CONTRACT COVERING RARET'S OPERATION EXPIRES IN APRIL, 1975, AND CALLED UPON THE GOP TO REFUSE RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT. STATEMENT ALSO URGED THAT STATION, WHICH IS ACCUSED OF TIES WITH CIA, BE REQUIRED TO CEASE OPERATION IMMEDIATELY UPON EXPIRATION OF CONTRACT.

4. EIGHT MEMBERS OF RARET'S WORKERS COMMISSION APPROACHED BANK OF ANGOLA UNION TO PROTEST ACTION WHICH WOULD COST RARET EMPLOYEES THEIR JOBS. WHILE APPROACH DID NOT CHANGE ANY POLITICAL OPINIONS, SUBJECT HAS NOT AGAIN APPEARED IN PRESS. ONE POSSIBLE REASON THAT ISSUE HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO DIE IS RECENT GOP EXTENSION OF RARET CONTRACT FOR SIX MONTHS UNDER PRESENT TERMS, OR UNTIL AN ELECTED GOVERNMENT CAN DECIDE STATION'S FATE.  
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